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RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the office action of February 21, 2003, Applicants request that the office action be withdrawn in order to take into consideration the amendment of February 12, 2003. In the event that the Patent office lost the same, Applicants are submitting herewith another copy thereof showing that it was mailed on February 12, 2003.

Entry of the amendment will obviate the Examiner's rejections based on 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as well as 35 USC 103, and 35 USC 101. The phrase "antiplatelet aggregating activity" does not appear in claim 8 as thrice amended.

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Therefore, the office action should be withdrawn and a new office action issued in order to consider the claims as they were presented before the office action.

Respectfully submitted,
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